State	Location
Gujarat	Ahmedabad; Gandhidham; Gandhinagar; Vadodara
Rajasthan	Ajmer
* Punjab	Amritsar
Kerala	Calicut; Cannanore; Cochin; Thiruvananthapuram
Jharkhand	Dhanbad; Chakradharpur
Karnataka	Dharwad
J & K	Jammu
Maharashtra	Nagpur
Assam	Guwahati

(c) New Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.

(d) No demand for creation of new zone at any location in under consideration of the Ministry.

Delay of trains connecting Dehradun

897. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that most of the trains connecting Dehradun with other parts of the country arrive behind their scheduled time; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such continuous delay and the details of the immediate and long-term steps being taken to address the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Punctuality of trains terminating at Dehradun has not been satisfactory due to various factors such as asset failures, miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, natural calamities, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, foggy weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failures. Indian Railways continuously monitors the punctual running of trains through immediate and long-term measures which, *inter-alia,* include:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels *viz.* Divisional, Zonal Headquarters and Railways Board.
2. Launching of punctuality drives from time to time.
3. Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.
4. Improvement is standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
5. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.